

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A ridge vent for installation along the ridge of a roof to provide attic ventilation, said ridge vent comprising:

an elongated flexible top panel having a central portions and edges;

wind baffles extending along said top panel outboard of said edges defining openings between said edges and said wind baffles;

a plurality of ribs spanning said openings between said edges and said wind baffles;

and

at least one score line extending laterally across said top panel, said at least one score line being configured to permit manual separation of said top panel along said at least one score line.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]] The ridge vent as claimed in claim 1 and further comprising said at least one score line is~~ a plurality of score lines extending across said top panel at spaced intervals.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]] The ridge vent as claimed in claim 1 and wherein said at least one~~ score line is formed in an underside of said top panel.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]] The ridge vent as claimed in claim 3 and wherein said at least one~~ score line is configured to allow said top panel to be folded over onto itself to weaken said top panel along said at least one score line and then torn apart along said weakened score line to separate said top panel.

5. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The ridge vent as claimed in claim 1 and further comprising a bending notch formed in at least one of said edges at an end of said at least one score line.
6. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The ridge vent as claimed in claim 5 and further comprising a pair of bending notches formed in said edges of said top panel at either end of said at least one score line.
7. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The ridge vent as claimed in claim 1 and further comprising a cutting guide formed in at least one of said wind baffles to indicate a position at which said wind baffle should be cut.
8. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The ridge vent as claimed in claim 7 and wherein said cutting guide comprises a notch.
9. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The ridge vent as claimed in claim 7 and wherein said cutting guide is longitudinally offset from said score line to form a lip when said wind baffle is cut at said cutting guide and said top panel is separated at said at least one score line.
10. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The ridge vent as claimed in claim 9 and further comprising a cutting guide formed in each of said wind baffles, said cutting guides being longitudinally aligned with each other.
11. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The ridge vent as claimed in claim 7 and further comprising indicia on said wind baffle adjacent said cutting guide for instructing an installer to cut said wind baffle at said cutting guide.
12. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The ridge vent as claimed in claim 11 and wherein said wind baffle is formed with a top lip that bears said indicia.

13. (Withdrawn) A method of manually separating a ridge vent having a flexible top panel with a central portion and edges and a pair of wind baffles extending along the top panel outboard of the edges thereof, said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) cutting one of the wind baffles at a predetermined longitudinal location along said ridge vent;
- (b) cutting the other one of said wind baffles substantially at the predetermined longitudinal location along said ridge vent;
- (c) folding said top panel along a lateral line located generally at the predetermined longitudinal location along said ridge vent to weaken said top panel along said lateral line; and
- (d) separating said top panel along said weakened lateral line,

14. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 13 and wherein the predetermined longitudinal location corresponds generally to the location of a score line formed laterally across the top panel.

15. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 14 and wherein step (c) comprises folding said top panel along the score line.

16. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 15 and wherein step (d) comprises separating top panel along the score line.

17. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 13 and wherein the lateral line in step (c) is offset from the location where the wind baffles are cut in step (b) to form a lip when the top panel is separated in step (d).

18. (Original) A ridge vent section for installing end-to-end with like ridge vent sections along the ridge of a roof to form a ridge vent, said ridge vent section comprising:
a flexible top panel having a central portion and edges;

a pair of wind baffles extending along said top panel outboard of said edges to form ventilation openings between said edges and said wind baffles;

a plurality of buttresses extending laterally from said top panel to said wind baffles for attaching and supporting said wind baffles;

a plurality of spaced apart ribs extending from said edges to said wind baffles;

a tear line formed in said top panel at a predetermined longitudinal location, said tear line extending laterally across said top panel from one of said edges to the other; and

a cutting guide in each of said wind baffles generally at said predetermined longitudinal location.

19. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The ridge vent section as claimed in claim 18 and further comprising bending notches formed in said edges of said top panel at said predetermined longitudinal location.

20. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The ridge vent section as claimed in claim 18 and further comprising indicia on said wind baffles to instruct and installer to cut said wind baffles at said cutting guides.

21. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The ridge vent section as claimed in 18 and wherein said tear line comprises a score line formed in said flexible top panel.